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SUBJ: GOG REACTION TO KIDNAP THREAT

REF: GEORGETOWN 2139

1. CHARGE CALLED ON MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL STOREY LATE THIS MORNING TO ADVISE MFA OF KIDNAP THREAT OF U.S. DEPENDENT CHILDREN REPORTED REFTEL AND TO AGAIN EMPHASIZE STRONGLY OUR CONCERN THAT GOG PROTECT OFFICIAL USG PERSONNEL IN GUYANA. CHARGE PRESENTED STOREY WITH PHOTOCOPY OF LETTER AND ENVELOPE WITH TRANSLATION. CHARGE POINTED OUT SERIOUSNESS OF THREAT BECAUSE OF SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONTAINED IN LETTER CONCERNING NAMES AND AGES OF THE CHILDREN MENTIONED. CHARGE EMPHASIZED THAT THREAT DIRECTED AGAINST CHILDREN CAUSES MORE APPREHENSION AMONG PARENTS AND THAT
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CONCERN FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS PRESENTLY RUNNING

HIGH AMONG EMBASSY PERSONNEL. STOREY REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN AND SAID HE WAS SORRY THAT SUCH A SITUATION HAD DEVELOPED. HE PROMISED TO INFORM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY AND COORDINATE MATTER WITH THE LOCAL POLICE. IN CLOSING INTERVIEW, CHARGE REITERATED HE EXPECTED GOG TO INSURE THAT OUR PERSONNEL HERE WERE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED.

2. POLICE HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR REQUEST FOR INCREASED PROTECTION BY PROMISING THAT PLAIN-CLOTHES PERSONNEL WILL BE IN VICINITY OF THE SCHOOL DURING CLASSROOM HOURS. THEY WILL ALSO PUT PERIODIC PATROLS IN AREAS WHERE THOSE FAMILIES RESIDE WHO ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED. THEY HAVE ALSO PROMISED TO PROVIDE PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICE PROTECTION FOR HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANNED FOR MISSION CHILDREN TO BE HELD AT THE MARINE HOUSE ON OCTOBER 29.

3. COMMENT: WHILE USG FAMILIES ARE NATURALLY CONCERNED OVER SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN, THEY HAVE ACCEPTED SITUATION AND AT THIS TIME APPEAR TO BE CALMLY AND PATIENTLY FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS.
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